

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
UNSAFE STRUCTURES BOARD  
THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2014 AT 3:00 P.M.  
1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
CITY HALL

Cumulative  
Attendance  
10/13 through  
9/14

**Board Members**

Attendance	Present	Absent
P	6	0
A	4	2
P	5	1
P	6	0
P	6	0
P	6	0
P	5	1
A	3	3
A	3	3

**City Staff**

Lori Grossfeld, Board Secretary  
Jeri Pryor, Code Enforcement Supervisor/Clerk  
Porshia Goldwire, Administrative Aide  
George Oliva, Building Inspector  
Ginger Wald, Assistant Attorney  
Jamie Opperlee, ProtoType Inc. Recording Clerk

**Communication to the City Commission**

None

**Witnesses and Respondents**

None.

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	1400 NW 62 ST	
Disposition:	30 days to demolish the property or the City will demolish. Board approved 5-0.	
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The regular meeting of the Unsafe Structures Board convened at 3:00 p.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Commission Chambers, City Hall, 100 North Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

All individuals giving testimony before the Board were sworn in.

#### Approval of meeting minutes

Motion made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Ms. Hale, to approve the minutes of the Board's March 2014 meeting. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

#### Cases

1. Case: CE12081687

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CYPRESS CREEK FLORIDA LLC

1400 NW 62 ST

MS. PRYOR: We have one case on the agenda today,

1 it's Case number CE12081687, Inspector George Oliva, case  
2 address 1400 Northwest 62 Street, the owner is Cypress Creek  
3 Florida LLC.

4 Notice of violation was posted on the property  
5 4/3/14, advertised in Daily Business Review 3/28/14 and  
6 4/4/14 and the notices are listed on the side of your agenda.

7 MR. WEYMOUTH: Very good. Good afternoon Inspector.

8 INSPECTOR MASULA: Good afternoon Board. George  
9 Oliva, Building Inspector for the City with case number  
10 CE12081667[sic]. This case was opened back on August 27,  
11 2012 by Inspector Jorg Hruschka following a call from the  
12 Fire Department due to the fire. These pictures were taken  
13 by him and by me in different occasions and I'm going to  
14 submit them into the records.

15 [Inspector Oliva displayed photos of the property]

16 This is the damage that was done by the fires.  
17 That's the way the building is looking nowadays. As you can  
18 see, half of the building is gone; the rest is open and they  
19 did some type of shoring to the wall, which that wood has  
20 already been rotted away, it's peeling off. That's damage  
21 that was done to the tie beams and supporting columns of the  
22 building.

23 I provide the Board with some spec from the  
24 drawings that were approved by the City of Fort Lauderdale to  
25 do the partial demo in which the professional of record's

1 describing the damage and the cracks that were done to the  
2 walls. And that's only to be temporary until they get the  
3 rebuilding permit or reconstruct permit. And so far has been  
4 three years since that happened and they're not moving  
5 forward.

6 And finally, the property owner, after we moved  
7 this case forward, they sent me an email via his lawyers that  
8 they're not going to contest anything that the City rules,  
9 that they're going to go for the demo. So they've already  
10 spoken with the Building Official trying to get the demo  
11 expedited. So, so far we're working into that right now.

12 So I'm asking the Board to find for the City that  
13 this property is unsafe and to order the owner of this  
14 building to have it demolished in thirty days.

15 MR. WEYMOUTH: Complete demolition of a free-  
16 standing building?

17 INSPECTOR OLIVA: Yes sir.

18 MR. WEYMOUTH: Any questions for the inspector?

19 MR. LARSON: Doesn't look good to me.

20 MR. JARRETT: The entire building was damaged by  
21 fire? It looks like a rather large building.

22 INSPECTOR OLIVA: Some of the interior, there's  
23 damage by smoke but there's a lot of water penetration into  
24 the building. All the electricals wires have been removed by  
25 people that they go there and they steal everything. You can

1 see, that's facing the main street, that's really an eyesore  
2 too. That's damage inside of the building and the carpet.  
3 You can see the water there when there after it rains.  
4 That's inside the part that was left standing. You can see  
5 there's water penetration, all the electricals panel that has  
6 still the wire. They've been breaking into that building  
7 because there's no security to it.

8 MR. LARSON: Make a motion Pat, and I'll second it.

9 INSPECTOR OLIVA: And another thing that I wanted  
10 you to -- that's right in the airport. If we get hit by a  
11 hurricane, that wall -- as the engineer professional of  
12 record is stating the drawing -- that's not going to be  
13 supported and it's going to blow away or can be uplift on the  
14 high winds.

15 MR. JARRETT: Very good.

16 MR. WEYMOUTH: Okay Joe.

17 MR. CROGNALE: The power has been pulled, Mr.  
18 Oliva?

19 INSPECTOR OLIVA: Yes, there's no power. These  
20 pictures were taken two weeks ago.

21 MR. WEYMOUTH: If you'll have the record reflect  
22 that John Barranco has joined the meeting. Any other  
23 questions of the inspector?

24 MR. LARSON: I have one.

25 MR. WEYMOUTH: Seeing no respondent and no

1 witnesses for a respondent, I would assume that we'll bring  
2 it back to the Board for discussion or a motion.

3 MR. JARRETT: Not much to discuss [inaudible]

4 MR. WEYMOUTH: That's kind of the way I see it,  
5 but.

6 MS. HALE: Yes.

7 MR. LARSON: Make the motion.

8 MS. HALE: Make the motion.

9 MR. JARRETT: I'll make a motion.

10 MR. WEYMOUTH: Go ahead Thornie.

11 MR. JARRETT: I move that we find the violations  
12 exist as alleged and that we order the property owner to  
13 demolish the structure within thirty days and that we order  
14 the City to demolish the structure should the property owner  
15 fail to timely demolish. Such demolition is to be  
16 accomplished by a licensed demolition contractor pursuant to  
17 a City-issued demolition permit.

18 MR. LARSON: Second.

19 MR. CROGNAL: Second. Third.

20 MR. WEYMOUTH: I have a motion and a second. Any  
21 further conversation? Alright, all in favor say aye.

22 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

23 MR. WEYMOUTH: Any opposed? Hearing none, motion  
24 passes.

25 MR. BARRANCO: And I did not vote on that.

1 MR. WEYMOUTH: Okay. Let the record reflect that  
2 Mr. Barranco did not vote on that. Any other?

3 Other Items and Announcements

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4 MS. PRYOR: Yes. A couple announcements. First, I  
5 would introduce to you Porshia Goldwire. Can you stand up  
6 and wave to the Board.

7 MR. WEYMOUTH: What's your name -- Portugal?

8 MS. PRYOR: Porshia.

9 MR. WEYMOUTH: Oh, Porshia. How are you Porshia?

10 MS. PRYOR: Porshia Goldwire.

11 MR. WEYMOUTH: I'm hard of hearing. Just call me  
12 hard.

13 MS. PRYOR: She is the new administrative aide in  
14 our office so she'll be helping with all the hearings and  
15 Board meetings.

16 MR. WEYMOUTH: Great.

17 MS. PRYOR: And so, if there's communication from  
18 me, more than likely, Porshia will be the backup to it.

19 MR. WEYMOUTH: Great.

20 MS. PRYOR: So welcome Porshia, this is your Board  
21 for Unsafe Structures.

22 MR. WEYMOUTH: Are you going to do this without  
23 crying?

24 MS. WALD: Yes, I don't cry. Ginger Wald,  
25 Assistant City Attorney. First of all, to clarify for the

1 record -- because somebody just whispered in my ear asking a  
2 question -- the reason why Mr. Barranco did not vote on this  
3 matter is he was not present when the case had been presented  
4 and therefore was not presented with the evidence to make a  
5 determination as to whether to vote. Correct, Mr. Barranco?

6 MR. BARRANCO: Thank you. That is true, thank you.

7 MS. WALD: Thank you. Yes. I don't think he's my  
8 replacement, so don't get too excited. I am leaving the City  
9 of Fort Lauderdale. May the sixth -- nice try -- May the  
10 sixth is my last day and evening. It's been a pleasure to  
11 work with every single one of you and to be your Board  
12 Attorney for the last, however many years you all have been  
13 on the Board.

14 I think Ms. Hale -- no Thornie's been on the Board  
15 the longest, I believe. I started with him on the Board. So  
16 I do appreciate all the assistance you've given with the City  
17 of Fort Lauderdale by giving up your time freely, for free.  
18 Especially when we had to come in deluges like today. And  
19 look forward to seeing you.

20 I will remain in the City of Fort Lauderdale. I'm  
21 going back into private practice with the law firm of Billing  
22 and Cochran. So the City of Fort Lauderdale will still be my  
23 client; I'm just going to charge them money for it. So, but  
24 thank you very much.

25 MR. BARRANCO: Thank you.



1 MR. WEYMOUTH: You're going to leave a big void and  
2 we appreciate it Ginger.

3 MS. WALD: Thank you. Thank you very much.

4 MR. WEYMOUTH: You've been steady guidance for us.

5 MR. LARSON: Thank you. We appreciate --

6 MS. WALD: Always fun to be with you.

7 MR. WEYMOUTH: Is Cole going to be representing the

8 --

9 MS. PRYOR: I don't know. Good question.

10 MR. WEYMOUTH: You're just down here to watch.

11 MR. COLE: Just to give her a hard time.

12 MR. WEYMOUTH: You heard she was going to cry,  
13 didn't you? I heard too, that's the only reason I showed up.

14 MS. WALD: I don't know who you've been talking to.

15 MR. WEYMOUTH: The Ice Woman. Anything for our,  
16 anything -- huh?

17 MS. HALE: Maybe you have to wait 'til May 6 when  
18 she actually leaves; then she'll cry.

19 MR. WEYMOUTH: She's going to smiling and running.

20 MS. PRYOR: she's not going to be crying.

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22 COMMUNICATION TO THE CITY COMMISSION

23 MR. WEYMOUTH: Anything for our commission to hear  
24 or our fair Mayor?

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3 MR. BARRANCO: I've just got a question for staff  
4 maybe. Who's going to be the Building Official representing  
5 the City here?

6 MS. WALD: He just left.

7 MR. BARRANCO: Oh, great.

8 MS. WALD: Glen -- the, right now acting -- they're  
9 actively -- in fact, if anyone wants to apply for the job --  
10 they're actively searching for the new Building Official. At  
11 this time -- in fact it was just announced yesterday -- right  
12 now as the Acting Building Official is going to be Glen  
13 Osborn. Who was here, and then I told him he didn't have to  
14 stay because George didn't need hand-holding for this one.

15 MR. WEYMOUTH: Not John Madden?

16 MR. CROGNALE: I thought it would be John Madden --

17 MS. WALD: Not John Madden.

18 MR. CROGNALE: -- is the interim inspector. John  
19 Madden is the --

20 MS. WALD: He was.

21 MR. WEYMOUTH: Okay

22 MS. WALD: He was. He is no longer that as of  
23 yesterday. Now it's Glen Osborn.

24 MR. CROGNALE: Hello, goodbye.

25 MS. WALD: But wait. It could change again. There

1 are three in the house with the City that have the legal  
2 qualifications to be the -- so, I don't know, only the City  
3 Manager knows whether they're going to do a rotating or  
4 whether they're going to stay with Glen. But they're  
5 actively searching for a new one.

6 MR. WEYMOUTH: Okay.

7 MS. WALD: So they will have somebody in place -- I  
8 won't be here -- but they will have somebody in place at some  
9 period of time.

10 MR. WEYMOUTH: Very good.

11 MR. BARRANCO: Thank you.

12 MR. WEYMOUTH: Ginger good luck.

13 MS. WALD: Thank you.

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15 [Meeting concluded at 3:09 p.m.]

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BOARD CLERK

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MICHAEL WEYMOUTH, CHAIR

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22 [Minutes prepared by: J. Opperlee, Prototype, Inc.]

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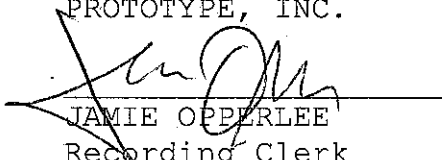
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## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have recorded and transcribed the City of Fort Lauderdale Unsafe Structures Board meeting held April 17, 2014, at 3:00 p.m., City Hall, 100 North Andrews Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Commission Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Dated at Ft. Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, this 15 day of MAY, 2014.

PROTOTYPE, INC.

  
JAMIE OPPERLEE  
Recording Clerk

SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED before me by JAMIE OPPERLEE who is personally known to me and who signed the foregoing for the purposes therein expressed.

DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2014.



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